

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of the Order Instituting Investigation on the Commission's Own Motion Into the Operations and Practices of Wine & Roses Limousine Service, a California Corporation, doing business as AA Limousine, AAA Limousine, Espresso Limousine, Espresso Transportation, AAA Corporate Limousines, Total Transportation Network (TTN), and LaGrande Affaire (PSG-12361-P-B), and its President, Steve Bonner, to Determine Whether They Have Violated the Laws, Rules, and Regulations Governing the Manner in Which Charter-Party Carriers Conduct Operations and Whether They are Fit to Continue to Conduct Passenger Transportation Service.

Respondents.

Investigation 05-06-042
(Filed June 30, 2005)

**ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE'S RULING
SETTING PREHEARING CONFERENCE AND DIRECTING
RESPONDENTS TO SUBMIT PREHEARING CONFERENCE STATEMENT**

On June 30, 2005, the Commission opened this investigation to determine whether sufficient evidence exists to order the immediate suspension of respondents' charter-party carrier authorities. The Commission ordered that a prehearing conference be scheduled within 40 days, with hearings as soon as practicable thereafter.

As set forth in the Commission's decision, staff has conducted a thorough investigation of respondents' operations, including regulatory and legal history. Staff specified 305 violations of the Public Utilities Code and our regulations, as well as the California Vehicle Code. These include allegations of operating after suspension and revocation of permit, failing to have required insurance, and employment of drivers without proper California driver licenses.

Consistent with the Commission's direction for an expeditious hearing process, a prehearing conference shall be held:

**Tuesday, July 19, 2005
10:00 a.m.
Commission Hearing Rooms
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102**

No later than Noon, July 15, 2005, the respondents shall file and serve a response to staff's allegations. Such response shall specify which, if any, of staff's allegations respondents dispute, and shall describe the evidence respondents will produce at hearing in support of their position.

At the prehearing conference, a procedural schedule will be set to address any disputed issues of material fact necessary for staff's requested remedies. The parties should also be prepared to discuss the possibility of using alternative dispute resolution techniques for this proceeding.

IT IS SO RULED.

Dated July 7, 2005, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ Maribeth A. Bushey

Maribeth A. Bushey
Administrative Law Judge

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served a copy of Administrative Law Judge's Ruling Setting Prehearing Conference and Directing Respondents to Submit Prehearing Conference Statement by using the following service:

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Dated July 7, 2005, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ Antonina V. Swansen

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